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Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Farm activity around the state was consistent with last week's activities. Cold temperatures accompanied by some rainfall during the week may have resulted in a minor crop delay and/or minor frost damage across the state. The days suitable for work was 5.7 days, down 0.7 days from last week's mark. Livestock conditions for the most part continue to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder reports that wet weather has slowed the harvest of corn silage, onions, and safflower. Weber County reports that alfalfa seed will see reduced yields this year due to the rains. Reports indicate that winter wheat, barley, and the spring wheat harvest should be complete. Emery County received approximately .25 inches of rain this week. Emery reports that most crops have reached maturity, so very little frost damage has occurred within the county. In some counties 3rd crop alfalfa cutting has come to end, but in Uintah 3rd cutting is still ongoing. Corn continues to do well for the most part despite the cooler temperatures this week. Fruit reports indicate that peaches and pears are about 75% harvested, while apples are about 50% throughout the state.

Livestock Summary

Producers continue to move their livestock off summer ranges. Emery County reports that winter grazing will be reduced to some extent since moisture levels were not enough for good grass production. Some producers will begin moving their livestock to desert ranges.

Livestock Percent for Week Ending September 17, 2006

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cattle Moved from Summer Range	39	38	14	29
Sheep/Lambs Moved from Summer Range	33	24	16	25

Crop Progress for Week Ending September 17, 2006

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Onions Harvested	43	42	38	50
Oats Harvested (Grain)	92	88	84	93
Winter Wheat Planted	19	18	48	34
Corn Dent Stage	85	63	54	66
Corn Mature	38	20	18	32
Corn Silage Harvested	38	23	15	31
Alfalfa Seed	48	23	50	44
Alfalfa Third Cutting	93	83	87	85
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	23	16	22	25
Apple Harvested	52	44	20	29
Peach Harvested	78	67	88	86
Pears Harvested	70	63	87	81

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending September 17, 2006

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	11	18	35	28	8
Corn	0	2	12	68	18
Sheep	0	1	9	79	11
Cattle/calves	0	1	20	62	17

Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 17, 2006

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	7	24	67	2
Subsoil	5	35	60	0
Irrigation water supplies	19	21	57	3
Stock water supplies	2	25	70	3